

DATA EVALUATION REVIEW 11

I. Study Type: fish bioaccumulation

II. Citation:

Schwalbe-Fehl, M., Fischer, R. Reply to the EPA Environmental Fate Data Review Dated October 20, 1988 Hoe 039866 Bioaccumulation in Fish. performed by Hoechst AG, Frankfurt am Main, Federal Republic of Germany, submitted by Hoechst Celanese Corporation, Somerville, NJ, USA. dated 12/22/88. Received EPA 12/12/89 under MRID # 413231-30.

III. Reviewer:

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IV. Conclusions:

Due to its very high water solubility, Glufosinate ammonium will not bioaccumulate.

V. Materials and Methods: described in previous report

VI. Study Author's Results and/or Conclusions:

1) **Characterization of radioactive residues in fish** -- Accumulation behavior of a test substance is in general independent from the concentration in the flow through system. Therefore bioaccumulation factors are generally not influenced by the treatment level. The study proved -- as predicted from the physico-chemical parameters -- that HOE 039866 did not accumulate in fish tissues. Consequently, residues in fish are not of concern for the evaluation of HOE 039866.

2) **Plateau of residues** -- Although a real plateau was not reached, the total radioactive residues are only marginal. Even after exposure for 28 days, the maximum residue concentration (0.034 mg/kg in non-edible tissues) was three times lower than the concentration in the flow-through system (0.1 mg/l).

A theoretical plateau of approx. 0.03 ± 0.01 mg/kg in the non-edible tissues can be calculated if first-order kinetics for uptake and elimination of HOE 039866 are assumed. In edible tissues and for the whole fish analyses, no plateau can be calculated because there is no significant increase in the concentration during the uptake phase but only varying concentrations slightly above the limit of quantification.

3) **Nature of the residues in the water at days 3 and 21** -- ... the radio-HPLC chromatograms of the water samples together with the authentic reference compound ...[proves] that HOE 039866 was the only detectable radioactive compound in the water.

4) **Radioactivity in the control samples** -- [data attached]

5) **Bioconcentration factors at all sampling times** -- [data attached]

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VII. Reviewer's Comments: The water solubility of the compound, and the results obtained in the original study serve to demonstrate that Glufosinate ammonium will not bioaccumulate in fish.

VIII. CBI Information Addendum: n.a.